

North Carolina [Mr. JONES] to lead the House in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mr. JONES led the Pledge of Allegiance as follows:

I pledge allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America, and to the Republic for which it stands, one nation under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all.

#### MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

A message in writing from the President of the United States was communicated to the House by Mr. Edwin Thomas, one of his secretaries.

#### MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE

A message from the Senate by Mr. Hallen, one of its clerks, announced that the Senate has passed bills of the following titles, in which the concurrence of the House is requested:

S. 464. An act to make the reporting deadlines for studies conducted in Federal court demonstration districts consistent with the deadlines for pilot districts, and for other purposes; and

S. 532. An act to clarify the rules governing venue, and for other purposes.

#### REPUBLICAN CONTRACT WITH AMERICA

(Mr. SAXTON asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. SAXTON. Mr. Speaker, our Contract With America states the following:

On the first day of Congress, a Republican House will require Congress to live under the same laws as everyone else; cut committee staffs by one-third; and cut the congressional budget. We kept our promise.

It continues that in the first 100 days, we will vote on the following items: A balanced budget amendment—we kept our promise; unfunded mandates legislation—we kept our promise; line-item veto—we kept our promise; a new crime package to stop violent criminals—we kept our promise; National Security restoration to protect our freedoms—we kept our promise; Government regulatory reform—we kept our promise; commonsense legal reform to end frivolous lawsuits—we kept our promise; welfare reform to encourage work, not dependence—we kept our promise; congressional term limits to make Congress a citizen legislature—we kept our promise; family reinforcement, tax cuts for middle-income families, and the Senior Citizens' Equity Act to allow our seniors to work without Government penalty—we will do these this week.

This is our Contract With America.

#### CONGRESS MUST REGULATE COMMERCE WITH FOREIGN NATIONS

(Mr. TRAFICANT asked and was given permission to address the House

for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. TRAFICANT. Check this out, you promise keepers: The dollar, once valued at 234 yen has joined the *Titanic*; it is down to 86 yen.

Now check this out: All of these think tank impresarios and all of these economic gurus told Congress if you want to fix the trade problem, drive down the value of the dollar. It is so low it could walk under a closed door with a top hat on, and in Detroit the deficit keeps growing. It is not the budget deficit, it is not rescissions, it is not tax cuts.

Japan has cleaned our clock on illegal trade for years. We are in a trade war. Is America afraid to fight? This is war.

Why do we not regulate commerce with foreign nations like the Constitution charges us, Congress, and then maybe we will keep a few promises with working Americans.

I hope those gurus are in some economic unemployment line somewhere in the country.

#### CLEAN WATER ACT REAUTHORIZATION RECEIVES BIPARTISAN SUPPORT

(Mr. SHUSTER asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. SHUSTER. Mr. Speaker, it is becoming very clear that the environmental extremists have decided to adopt the big lie strategy to attack the clean water bill. They are saying that the bill was written behind closed doors by Republicans with industry.

Here are the facts. The clean water bill provides over \$3 billion a year to continue cleaning up America's waters.

The original cosponsors, 16 of us, 8 Republicans, 8 Democrats. The bill passed overwhelmingly in the subcommittee last week, 19 to 5, with a majority of Democrats as well as Republicans voting in favor of it. It has been an open process.

The EPA testified more than three times before our committee. In fact it was so open that the Governors' Association sent us a letter saying we commend you for the unprecedented inclusion of State and local government representatives in the process for developing a Clean Water Act reauthorization.

Now, it is true, we do want to correct the overzealous regulations, but do not be misled by the big lie. This is good legislation with strong bipartisan support.

#### UNIVERSITY OF CONNECTICUT'S HUSKIES WIN NCAA TOURNAMENT AND NATIONAL WOMEN'S BASKETBALL TITLE

(Ms. DELAURO asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend her remarks.)

Ms. DELAURO. Mr. Speaker, yesterday the University of Connecticut's women's basketball team put the final flourish on a perfect season by winning the NCAA tournament and national women's basketball title. I join fans from all across our State in congratulating the players, the coaches, and the entire university for this historic achievement. We are so proud of you; you are true champions.

The Huskies' achievement is even more remarkable when you consider the team had to come from behind to defeat the talented Tennessee Volunteers. Either team would have made a terrific champion, but 1995 is UConn's year. In fact the Huskies' undefeated season marks only the second time in the 14-year history of the tournament that a women's team has finished the season with an unblemished record.

There was another piece of history made last night when President Clinton called to congratulate the team. It was the first time a President has called the NCAA women's champion after the title game. Let us hope that this tradition continues, along with the winning tradition of women's basketball at the University of Connecticut, the 1995 National Champions.

Go Huskies.

#### TOP 10 LIST OF PEOPLE MAKING MORE THAN \$100,000 WHO WILL GET A TAX BREAK UNDER THE REPUBLICAN PROPOSAL

(Mr. WYNN asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. WYNN. Mr. Speaker, it looks like the Republicans are at it again: Rob from the poor to give to the rich. First it was the school lunch program; now it is college scholarships. It would not be so bad if tax breaks were going to people who really deserve them, but that is not the case. That is why I made up my top 10 list in the spirit of the times—top 10 list of people making more than \$100,000 who would get a tax break under the Republican proposal.

No. 10, big developers.

No. 9, doctors.

No. 8, wealthy landlords.

No. 7, big agri-farmers.

No. 6, corporate managers.

Remember, these are people who are going to get a tax break under the Republican proposal.

No. 5, overpaid conservative talk show hosts.

No. 4, the chairman of the local country clubs' admissions boards.

No. 3, wealthy lobbyists.

No. 2, attorneys.

And the No. 1 group that is going to get the tax break under their proposal, your local Congressman, because they make over \$100,000.

Do you think they need a tax break? I do not.